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SUBJECT: TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

1. MFA PROTOCOL SECTION (SHAMARIN) INFORMED EMBASSY AUGUST OF REFUSAL TO REGISTER MOSCOW-ZAGORSK-MOSCOW TRAVEL BY TRAIN OF SECRETARY-ARCHIVISTS SARGENT AND DEANE AND WIFE AND DAUGHTER OF ASSISTANT AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE DANYLUK. SHAMARIN REMINDED EMBASSY THAT MOSCOW-ZAGORSK TRAVEL CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY CAR ONLY.

2. COMMENT IT APPARENT THAT SOVIET POLICY AGAINST RAIL TRAVEL TO ZAGORSK IS FIRM. SURPRISINGLY, SHAMARIN, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, SAID THAT MFA ALSO WOULD NOT REGISTER MOSCOW-ZAGORSK TRAVEL BUS (ON THE OCCASION OF THE LAST TURNDOWN OF TRAIN TRAVEL TO ZAGORSK, BUS TRAVEL WAS APPROVED AS AN ALTERNATIVE, ALTHOUGH THE TRAVELLERS WERE UNABLE TO GET TICKETS). REFUSAL OF BUS TRAVEL APPEARS TO BE IN CONTRADICTION TO SOVIET TRAVEL REGULATIONS THEMSELVES WHICH MERELY SPECIFY THAT HIGHWAY TRANSIT TRAVEL IS OPEN TO ZAGORSK WITHOUT SPECIFYING MODE OF TRANSPORTATION WHICH MUST BE USED. EMBASSY INTENDS TO RAISE THIS POINT WITH PROTOCOL SECTION AT APPROPRIATE OCCASION. MEANWHILE, DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO TAKE RECIPROCAL ACTION BY LIMITING TRAVEL TO SITE NEAR WASHINGTON FREQUENTLY VISITED BY SOVIET EMBASSY EMPLOYEES TO MODE OF TRAVEL OTHER THAN CAR.

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